

out there are taken care of. One important aspect is ensuring they have reliable clean drinking water and sewage systems. This week, I would like to recognize H2O, Inc., from Lafayette, LA, as Small Business of the Week, for supporting Louisiana's offshore and marine industries by providing them with crucial water treatment solutions.

One of the key issues facing the crews on offshore oil rigs is access to clean and safe potable water, and in 1980, H2O used their southwest Louisiana ties to provide desalination units to the offshore and gas market. H2O grew considerably when it started producing marine and offshore potable water, sewage, and electrochlorination systems for companies all around the world. With this new range of products, H2O was able to provide more job opportunities and currently has many employees on staff. In 2013, H2O acquired Owens Manufacturing and Specialty Company, which allowed them to venture into the offshore wastewater treatment market. Just last fall, H2O brought in PEPCON systems in order to strengthen their electrochlorination services. Today H2O is known as the region's leading water system equipment provider and even holds patents.

Congratulations again to H2O for being selected as Small Business of the Week, and thank you for your commitment to providing clean water treatment solutions to folks in the Gulf of Mexico and around the world.●

RECOGNIZING JESCO

● Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, it is no secret that, among the many pressing issues facing our Nation, updating our Nation's crumbling infrastructure is one of the most important. Roads and bridges are quite literally the foundation of our daily lives, and those of us in Louisiana certainly recognize the importance of upgrading and maintaining our highways and levees. One small business based out of Jennings, LA, has been working to improve our State's infrastructure, and I would like to recognize JESCO as Small Business of the Week for their important progress supporting some of Louisiana's biggest infrastructure and environmental projects.

In 1994, a group of Louisiana-based professional engineers and scientists established JESCO to provide engineering, construction, disaster preparation and response, and environmental services to local and State governments along the Gulf Coast, as well as Federal agencies. Lead by Ms. Alvinette Teal, an experienced geologist and graduate of Louisiana State University, JESCO is a federally certified, woman-owned small business.

Over the last 22 years, JESCO has worked on some of Louisiana's vitally important water infrastructure projects, including necessary coastal restoration efforts. Louisiana's coast-

line play an important role in protecting our coastal communities from natural disasters, and coastal restoration is among our State's highest priorities. The engineers and scientists at JESCO have also worked on projects testing the salinity for levee construction materials, which in Louisiana is vital to building levees that will protect families, businesses, and homes during a storm. Additionally, JESCO has been contracted for soil and ground water remediation efforts in Breaux Bridge, LA, and hurricane and disaster management for Hurricane Ike.

Small businesses like JESCO are leading the way to improve our infrastructure and better protect our families, homes, and businesses. Congratulations to JESCO of Jennings, LA, for being selected as this week's Small Business of the Week, and I look forward to your continued growth and success.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the president of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGES

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13466 OF JUNE 26, 2008, WITH RESPECT TO NORTH KOREA—PM 52

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to North Korea that was declared in Executive Order 13466 of June 26, 2008, expanded in scope in Executive Order 13551 of August 30, 2010, addressed further in Executive Order 13570 of April 18, 2011, further expanded in scope in Executive Order 13687 of January 2, 2015, and under which additional steps were taken in Executive Order 13722 of March 15, 2016, is to continue in effect beyond June 26, 2016.

The existence and risk of proliferation of weapons-usable fissile material

on the Korean Peninsula; the actions and policies of the Government of North Korea that destabilize the Korean Peninsula and imperil U.S. Armed Forces, allies, and trading partners in the region, including its pursuit of nuclear and missile programs; and other provocative, destabilizing, and repressive actions and policies of the Government of North Korea, continue to constitute an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency with respect to North Korea.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 21, 2016.

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DECLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 13219 OF JUNE 26, 2001, WITH RESPECT TO THE WESTERN BALKANS—PM 53

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans that was declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001, is to continue in effect beyond June 26, 2016.

The threat constituted by the actions of persons engaged in, or assisting, sponsoring, or supporting (i) extremist violence in the Republic of Macedonia and elsewhere in the Western Balkans region, or (ii) acts obstructing implementation of the Dayton Accords in Bosnia and Herzegovina or United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 of June 10, 1999, in Kosovo, has not been resolved. In addition, Executive Order 13219 was amended by Executive Order 13304 of May 28, 2003, to take additional steps with respect to acts obstructing implementation of the Ohrid Framework Agreement of 2001 relating to Macedonia.

Because the acts of extremist violence and obstructionist activity outlined in these Executive Orders are hostile to U.S. interests and continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States, I have